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SUBJECT: CURRENT STATUS OF ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS IN AFGHANISTAN

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1. SUMMARY: THE EMBASSY SEES A PROMISING POSSIBILITY  
THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF  
AFGHANISTAN (DRA) MIGHT PROVE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN ITS  
DAOUDIST PREDECESSOR IN COOPERATING WITH INTERNATIONAL  
ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS HERE. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND  
THAT THE DEPARTMENT URGE UNXYAC EXDCUTIVE DIRECTOR  
REXED AND UNNDND'S ANDRE SAENGER OR MICHAEL DAVIES,  
TO VISIT KABUL AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN AT  
THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL -- OR EVEN FROM CHAIRMAN  
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NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI, HIMSELF -- THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S  
COMMITMENT TO NARCOTICS CONTROL AND FURTHER UN HELP IN THIS  
FIELD. THEY COULD ALSO USEFULLY REITERATE THE CONCERN  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OVER THE NARCOTICS  
SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN. IF SUCH A VISIT CANNOT  
TAKE PLACE VERY SOON, WE BELIEVE UNFDAC'S MICHAEL C.  
DE METRE FTOULD PROCEED WITH HIS PLANS TO COME HERE

SO AS TO MAINTAIN SOME MEMENTUM IN HIS UPPER HALMAND PROJECT. SINCE THE PRINCIPAL ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF HOLDING A US/UN GENEVA MEETING, PROPOSED FOR MID-JUNE (REFTEL C), WAS TO DISCUSS MAJOR OPERATIONAL PROPOSALS, WE SEE LIMITED USEFULNESS IN HOLDING THAT MEETING UNTIL THE UN VISIT HERE IS MADE AND THE INTENTIONS OF THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT ARE CLEARER. END OF SUMMARY.

2. THE CURRENT NARCOTICS-CONTROL SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN IS STILL IN FLUX. ALTHOUGH THE NEW COMMANDANT OF POLICE AND GENDARMERIE, A 24 YEAR-OLD AIR FORCE MAJOR NAMED SAYYID DAOUD TURAN (WHO LOVINGLY PATS A SUBMACHINE GUN ON HIS DESK AS HE TALKS WITH VISITORS), RECENTLY DIRECTED THAT UN NARCOTICS ADVISOR CHRISTIAN MAGNUSSEN AND HIS ASSISTANT HEINZ KLEIST BE MOVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS TO THE POLICE ACADEMY, THE TWO MEN HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO VISIT THE MINISTRY DAILY AND "REENTER THE INFORMATION FLOW." BECAUSE IT IS ALSO NECESSARY THAT THEY BECOME INVOLVED AGAIN IN ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS AS WELL, THE TWO GERMAN POLICE EXPERTS ARE TRYING TO GET TURAN'S EARLIER DECISION REVERSED SO THAT THEY CAN RETURN TO THEIR UN-FINANCED-AND-EQUIPPED BUILDING WITHIN THE MINISTRY COMPOUND -- WHERE THEY CAN AGAIN BE NEAR MAJOR FRAUK YAQUBI, CHIEF OF CRIMINAL AFFAIRS, THE KEY AFGHAN OFFICIAL ON THE ENFORCEMENT SIDE. ON MAY 17, MAGNUSSEN TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT THEIR RETURN WOULD BE PERMITTED, PRIMARILY BECAUSE HE RETAINS CONTROL OVER ALL UN-SUPPLIED ANTI-NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT (E.G., THE TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD IN HIS BUILDING, RADIOS, AND VEHICLES). MAGNUSSEN HOPES THAT ARTHUR N. HOLCOMBE, UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AD INTERIM AT KABUL, WILL SOON BE ABLE TO SEE NOOR AHMAD NOOR, NEW MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND RESOLVE THIS SITUATION. (NOOR, HOWEVER, HAS NOT BEEN AVAILABLE TO ANY FOREIGN CALLERS SINCE TAKING OFFICE.)

3. MAGNUSSEN REPORTS THAT NOOR, WHO, INCIDENTIALLY, IS A CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF YAQUIBI'S, HAS STATED -- THROUGH YAQUBI -- THAT HE NOT ONLY WANTS TO CONTINUE EXISTING UN ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS HERE, HE WANTS TO EXPAND THEM. THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS REPORTEDLY SO STATED IN A RECENT LETTER TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHERE, ACCORDING TO HOLCOMBE, MOHAMMAD YAHYA MAROOFI APPARENTLY STILL CONTINUES IN HIS ROLE AS AFGHAN NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ON AFGHAN NARCOTICS MATTERS. MAGNUSSEN IS NOW WAITING FOR NOOR TO SEND A SECOND LETTER TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ASKING FOR MAGNUSSEN'S TOUR TO BE EXTENDED

ANOTHER YEAR (IT EXPIRES THIS MONTH). MAGNUSSEN APPEARS  
TO BE CONFIDENT THAT NOOR WILL SEND THIS LETTER BY MAY  
21 -- AND THAT HIS OLD NEMESIS, MAROOFI, WILL INTERPOSE  
NO OBJECTION.

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4. ALL "ANTI-SMUGGLING UNITS" (WHICH ARE COMPOSED OF POLICE  
AND CUSTOMS PERSONNEL) HAVE BEEN DISARMED AND TOLD TO  
REMAIN AT THEIR HEADQUARTERS. ARMY TROOPS ARE NOW  
IN CHARGE OF NARCOTICS INTERDICTION AND OPIUM-ERADICATION  
IN AFGHANISTAN. MAGNUSSEN HAS HEARD ABOUT EXTENSIVE ANTI-  
OPIUM OPERATIONS ON THE PART OF THE ARMY, BUT, FOR OBVIOUS  
REASONS, IS NOT ABLE TO CONFIRM THESE REPORTS PERSONALLY.  
(FOR THESE REASONS IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO COMPILE RELIABLE  
OPIUM PRODUCTION STATISTICS FOR THIS YEAR.) HE HAS HEARD THAT  
THE FIELD PRICE OF RAW OPIUM GUM HAS COLLAPSED FROM A  
PRE-REVOLUTIONARY 170 DOLLARS PER KILOGRAM TO 30 DOLLARS --  
AND IS STILL FALLING. THIS IS BECAUSE OF: (A) HARSHER ARMY  
OPERATIONS AGAINST TRAFFICKERS AND PRODUCERS, (B) STRICTER  
BORDER CONTROLS, (C) STRICTER ANTI-BRIBERY CONTROLS, (D)  
STRICTER INTERNAL TRAVEL CONTROLS, (E) STRICTER BANKING AND  
CURRENCY CONTROLS. IN SHORT, THE SUPPLY IS QUITE EFFECTIVELY  
BEING WITHHELD FROM THE DEMAND AT THIS TIME.

5. OUR DEA OFFICERS ARE CONTINUING THEIR CONTACTS WITH  
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THEIR OWN INFORMANTS, WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND TACIT ASSENT OF MAGNUSSEN AND YAQUBI. THEY ARE AVOIDING ANY CONTACT WITH AFGHAN OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, UNTIL THE DUST SETTLES. WE HAVE HEARD ABSOLUTELY NO WORD FROM THE NEW AUTHORITIES ABOUT CONTINUED DEA OPERATIONS HERE, AND DO NOT THINK THAT ISSUE SHOULD BE RAISED UNTIL AFTER THE PICTURE HAS BECOME CLEARER FOR THE UN OPERATIONS.

6. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH HOMCOMBE THE PROPOSAL THAT UNFDAC EXECQWIVE DIRECTOR REXED VISIT AFGHANISTAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE (REFTEL A). HOLCOMBE HAS AGREED WITH US THAT THIS APPEARS TO BE A GOOD IDEA, AND HAS DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY WITH MAROOFI. MAROOFI ALSO AGREED THAT REXED SHOULD COME, BUT NOT UNTIL "AFTER A MONTH AND A HALF, OR TWO MONTHS." HOLCOMBE HAS PROBABLY ALREADY PASSED MAROOFI'S STALLING ANSWER TO REXED. WE THINK REXED OUGHT TO IGNORE MAROOFI, HOWEVER, AND PRESS FOR THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE VISIT OUT HERE -- TO GAIN THE EARLY SUPPORT OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, AND TO MAINTAIN UN MEMENTUM. MAGNUSSEN THINKS REXED SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANDRE SAENGER OR MICHAEL DAVIES FROM UNDND. WE AGREE.

7. WE AGREE TOO WITH HOLCOMBE THAT MICHAEL C. DEMETRE SHOULD COME TO AFGHANISTAN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO:  
(A) MEET THE NEW AFGHAN OFFICIALS IN THE NARCOTICS-CONTROL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FIELDS; (B) GAIN THE AGREEMENT OF THE DRA TO THE PROPOSED ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) FUNDING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PORTION OF HIS UPPER HELMAND OPIUM-ERADICATION PROJECT; AND (C) PLANT SOME TEST CROPS AT HIS EXPERIMENTAL FARM AT WEST KAJAKAI (WE ARE STORING HIS SOYBEAN AND SUNFLOWER SEEDS AT THE EMBASSY). IF REXED AND COMPANY CANNOT COME VERY SOON, WE BELIEVE DEMETRE COULD USEFULLY PRECEDE THEM.

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8. AS FOR THE PROPOSAL TO HAVE A GENEVA MEETING IN JUNE (REFTEL C), WE SEE SOME MERIT IN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG THE MANY UN AND US OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH THE OPIUM SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN, BUT THE MAIN PURPOSE FOR THIS PARTICULAR MEETING HAD BEEN TO DISCUSS MAJOR OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS. THESE ISSUES CANNOT REALLY BE ADDRESSED PROPERLY UNTIL THE ATTITUDE OF THE NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT IS CLEARER. THEREFORE, WE ARE INCLINED TO RECOMMEND THAT THIS MEETING BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER REXED HAS VISIT AFGHANISTAN.  
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